

These are the generations of the heavens and the earth when they were created, in the day that the Lord God made the earth and the heavens. Genesis 2:4 (ESV)

1. Whenever the Hebrew word day has a number with it, it is referring to a literal 24 hour day.
2. The days of creation had evenings and mornings.

## What was our planet like before we messed it up?

When no bush of the field was yet in the land and no small plant of the field had yet sprung up—for the Lord God had not caused it to rain on the land, and there was no man to work the ground, and a mist was going up from the land and was watering the whole face of the ground— Genesis 2:5–6 (ESV)

- We are talking about a special kind of plant, field bush and small field plants
- Bush of the field = thorns, thistles and weeds
- Small plant of the field = plants that require cultivation, wheat, barley, etc..
- Ground = arable land, the kind you grow a crop

thorns and thistles it shall bring forth for you; and you shall eat the plants of the field. By the sweat of your face you shall eat bread, till you return to the ground, for out of it you were taken; for you are dust, and to dust you shall return.” Genesis 3:18–19 (ESV)

therefore the Lord God sent him out from the garden of Eden to work the ground from which he was taken. Genesis 3:23 (ESV)

- When Adam was formed, there was no rain on the earth.
- Mist is better translated as spring.

## Where does life come from?

then the Lord God formed the man of dust from the ground and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life, and the man became a living creature. Genesis 2:7 (ESV)

- Formed = carefully crafted
- Breathed into nostrils = kiss of life

For you formed my inward parts; you knitted me together in my mother’s womb. I praise you, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made. Wonderful are your works; my soul knows it very well. Psalm 139:13–14 (ESV)

Thus it is written, “The first man Adam became a living being”; the last Adam became a life-giving spirit. 1 Corinthians 15:45 (ESV)

For as the Father raises the dead and gives them life, so also the Son gives life to whom he will. John 5:21 (ESV)

## What did the Garden of Eden look like?

*And the Lord God planted a garden in Eden, in the east, and there he put the man whom he had formed. And out of the ground the Lord God made to spring up every tree that is pleasant to the sight and good for food. The tree of life was in the midst of the garden, and the tree of the knowledge of good and evil. A river flowed out of Eden to water the garden, and there it divided and became four rivers. The name of the first is the Pison. It is the one that flowed around the whole land of Havilah, where there is gold. And the gold of that land is good; bdellium and onyx stone are there. The name of the second river is the Gihon. It is the one that flowed around the whole land of Cush. And the name of the third river is the Tigris, which flows east of Assyria. And the fourth river is the Euphrates. Genesis 2:8–14 (ESV)*

- Eden = luxurious, delightful... paradise.
- Made to spring up = grow abundantly and thickly
- The four rivers watered the four corners of the world.

*And Lot lifted up his eyes and saw that the Jordan Valley was well watered everywhere like the garden of the Lord, like the land of Egypt, in the direction of Zoar. (This was before the Lord destroyed Sodom and Gomorrah.) Genesis 13:10 (ESV)*

*Then the angel showed me the river of the water of life, bright as crystal, flowing from the throne of God and of the Lamb through the middle of the street of the city; also, on either side of the river, the tree of life with its twelve kinds of fruit, yielding its fruit each month. The leaves of the tree were for the healing of the nations. Revelation 22:1–2 (ESV)*

*You were in Eden, the garden of God; every precious stone was your covering, sardius, topaz, and diamond, beryl, onyx, and jasper, sapphire, emerald, and carbuncle; and crafted in gold were your settings and your engravings. On the day that you were created they were prepared. You were an anointed guardian cherub. I placed you; you were on the holy mountain of God; in the midst of the stones of fire you walked. Ezekiel 28:13–14 (ESV)*

Between the Garden of Eden and the New Jerusalem, we have the tabernacle and the temple as the place where God dwells with man.

## What was man's job in the garden?

*The Lord God took the man and put him in the garden of Eden to work it and keep it. Genesis 2:15 (ESV)*

*They shall keep guard over him and over the whole congregation before the tent of meeting, as they minister at the tabernacle. They shall guard all the furnishings of the tent of meeting, and keep guard over the people of Israel as they minister at the tabernacle. Numbers 3:7–8 (ESV)*

- Adam wasn't just the gardner, he was the guardian.

## What was the temptation?

*And the Lord God commanded the man, saying, "You may surely eat of every tree of the garden, but of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil you shall not eat, for in the day that you eat of it you shall surely die." Genesis 2:16–17 (ESV)*

- Don't let your motto be, "I want to try everything once."

## God saves his best for last.

*Then the Lord God said, "It is not good that the man should be alone; I will make him a helper fit for him." Now out of the ground the Lord God had formed every beast of the field and every bird of the heavens and brought them to the man to see what he would call them. And whatever the man called every living creature, that was its name. The man gave names to all livestock and to the birds of the heavens and to every beast of the field. But for Adam there was not found a helper fit for him. So the*

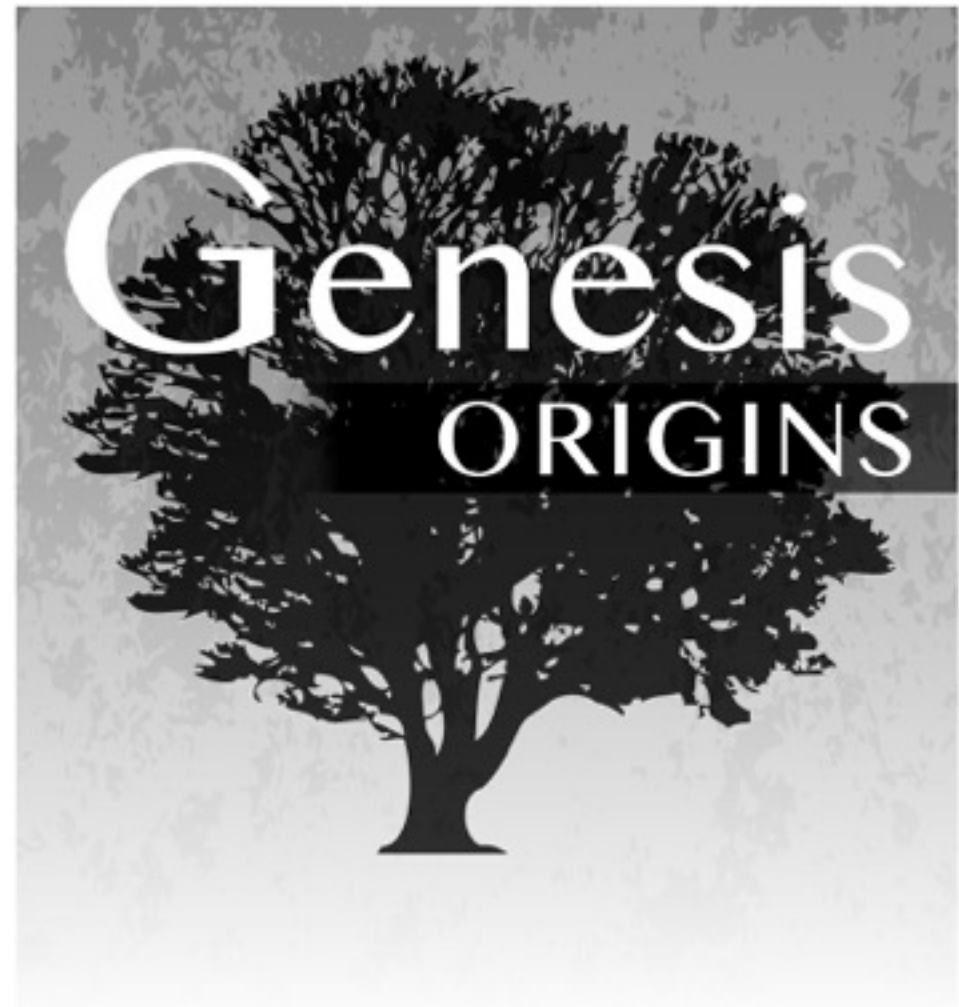
*Lord God caused a deep sleep to fall upon the man, and while he slept took one of his ribs and closed up its place with flesh. And the rib that the Lord God had taken from the man he made into a woman and brought her to the man. Then the man said, "This at last is bone of my bones and flesh of my flesh; she shall be called Woman, because she was taken out of Man." Therefore a man shall leave his father and his mother and hold fast to his wife, and they shall become one flesh. And the man and his wife were both naked and were not ashamed. Genesis 2:18–25 (ESV)*

1. In all of God's good creation only Eve made Adam sing with delight.
2. A wife is the only thing that can complete a man because she was what was taken out of man.
3. A wife is not a clone, she is a complement.
4. A wife is an equal and an opposite.
5. A wife was to be a helpmate under Adam, not competitor with Adam.
6. God officiates the first wedding. 1) Leave home. 2) Make a commitment. 3) Become one flesh.

### Application

1. **God's heart toward us is incredibly good, kind and loving, no matter what we feel.** When we suffer the consequences of sin done to us or done by us, don't blame God. Your problem is with sin, not with God.
2. **God's heart toward us is even more clearly seen through Jesus.** Through Jesus, God forgives our sin. We are brought back into the presence of God that we lost in the Garden of Eden. We will have access to the tree of life. We return to the Garden of Eden in the New Jerusalem. We will be exalted above, instead of below, the angels. We are adopted into the family of God and called the most blessed beings in the universe. That is God's heart toward us through Jesus.

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